

# City-County Community Health

**Mission.** The mission of the City-County Community Health Department is to protect the citizens of Wichita and Sedgwick County from excessive morbidity and mortality by preventing the spread of disease, encouraging a healthful lifestyle and providing a safe environment.

**Overview.** Health programs include childcare licensing; food service and facility inspection; regulation of solid waste collection; air and water quality; vector control; hazardous waste control; and public health education.

The Department consists of three divisions; Administration, Environmental Health and Preventive Health Services. The former Personal Health Division has been reorganized into the new Preventive Health Services Division. Changes include a transition from a clinic-based organizational structure to a program-based structure.

The Environmental Health Division enforces environmental standards in the City of Wichita and the unincorporated areas of Sedgwick County. The Division is responsible for air quality control, animal control, environmental code enforcement, food protection and tobacco control, collection and disposal of hazardous materials, vector control, and water quality control.



*A Health Department employee inspects a restaurant.*

The Food Protection Program provides regulatory oversight, consultative services, and educational support for food establishments in Wichita and Sedgwick County. Food service establishment inspections are partially funded under a contract with KDHE. In 1999, there were 1,773 restaurants and 492 grocery stores, warehouses, and food processors operating within Wichita and Sedgwick County. Staff conducted 3,070 inspections in these facilities during the year, an average of 1.36 inspections per establishment.

The Environmental Maintenance section investigates and resolves premise condition complaints involving neighborhood blight, safety, or public health issues in Wichita and unincorporated areas of Sedgwick County. Field staff made approximately 23,000

inspections, including 9,892 initial investigations, during 1999. This was an increase of 1,570 inspections compared to 1998. In 1999, staff caused the removal, repair, or enclosure of 2,580 inoperable or abandoned vehicles. Violations are resolved through voluntary compliance, or referral to a private contractor for abatement or court action. Sedgwick County is currently planning to withdraw a substantial share of its funding support to this function in 2001. Because this change is not proportional to the level of relative demand in the County, this could represent a net service reduction to City residents. Remaining staff assigned to City-only duties have been transferred to the City Health Department budget in 2001.



*Volunteer dentists provide services through the Children's Dental Clinic.*

The Preventive Health Services Division provides services to approximately 41,000 clients per year. Services include children's dental and health care, adolescent health care, the Women, Infants & Children (WIC) program, immunizations, treatment services, child care licensing, in-home and clinic services associated with maternal and infant care, and public outreach/education presentations.

In addition to the Main Health Department at 1900 East 9<sup>th</sup> Street, the Preventive Health Services Division operates seven health stations throughout the community. Each health station offers services that include family planning, pregnancy testing and counseling, immunizations, cancer screenings, blood pressure checks, blood sugar and cholesterol screenings, tuberculosis and HIV testing and counseling.

The new Northeast Health Station opened in 1999 with Federal funding from the Healthy Start Initiative Program and from fees generated by the clinic's clients who are able to pay for a portion of the services they receive. The clinic is located at 2624 East 21st Street North.

Health Stations And Service Locations		
Station	Address	# of Clients in 1999
Colvin-Planeview	2820 S. Roosevelt	1,762
Teen Health Station	438 W. 15 <sup>th</sup> Street	1,115
Evergreen Park	2700 Woodland	4,632
Orchard Park	4808 W. 9 <sup>th</sup> Street	3,573
Southeast	1530 S. Oliver	5,087
Stanley	1749 S. Martinson	3,974
Northeast	2624 E. 21 <sup>st</sup> Street	822
Immunization Van	Various (mobile)	1,754
Main Health Dept.	1900 E. 9 <sup>th</sup> Street	19,517

Community outreach services are offered through Field Nurses. To reduce health risks to newborns, field nurses promote prenatal health with home visits to pregnant women. Field Nurses also make home visits to families with infants whose mothers have tested positive for drugs and/or alcohol, and to families of infants with teen parents in need of support and guidance with infant care.

**Finance and Operations.** The Health Department has varied funding sources. The City of Wichita (60%) and Sedgwick County (40%) fund the City-County Budget. Services are provided countywide. A separate City Health Budget is funded exclusively by the City of Wichita and

Health Department Resources Summary (in thousands)			
	1999	2000	2001
City of Wichita (includes City-County and local programs)	2,810	3,071	3,313
Sedgwick County	1,606	1,706	1,744
Program income (includes fees)	2,017	1,930*	1,969
Total Local Health Resources	6,433	6,707	7,026

\*NOTE: 2000 budget for clinic fees includes a half-year carryover from 1999 due to the different fiscal year term for Federal and State grants.

provides services within the City limits. In addition, the Health Department generates clinic fees from clients with the ability to pay; these fees go to support the clinic activities from which they are generated. For the first time, the 2001-2002 Budget incorporates these clinic fees into the Health budget presentation. Federal and State grants provide the remainder of the Department's resources.

Preventive Health Goals for the Community		
Health Dept. Clients	2000	2001
2 year old children having up-to-date immunizations	50%	65%
Clients successfully referred to appropriate specialist or agency	90%	90%
Clients of prenatal clinic delivering babies weighing over 5.5 pounds	94%	94%

City-County Community Health Budget Summary					
	1999 Actual	2000 Adopted	2000 Revised	2001 Adopted	2002 Approved
Personal Services	3,300,995	3,614,800	3,677,030	3,653,710	3,831,600
Contractual Services	710,548	686,710	665,460	745,630	760,640
Commodities	176,768	146,560	156,780	153,990	147,910
Capital Outlay	62,366	15,100	14,140	16,440	20,700
Other	139,590	165,330	166,420	192,950	201,320
<b>Total City-County Health Expenditures</b>	<b>4,390,266</b>	<b>4,628,500</b>	<b>4,679,830</b>	<b>4,762,720</b>	<b>4,962,170</b>
Less: Sedgwick County	(1,605,618)	(1,694,330)	(1,706,180)	(1,744,330)	(1,822,120)
Other revenue	(366,075)	(392,680)	(414,400)	(401,900)	(406,900)
<b>Total General Fund Expenditures</b>	<b>2,408,563</b>	<b>2,541,490</b>	<b>2,559,250</b>	<b>2,616,490</b>	<b>2,733,150</b>
<b>Clinic Fees - Revenue</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,240,060</b>	<b>850,940</b>	<b>872,870</b>
<b>Clinic Fees - Expenditures</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>930,640</b>	<b>848,670</b>	<b>866,800</b>
<b>Position Summary</b>					
Total full-time	71	74	92	87	87
Total part-time	0	4	12	12	12
Total FTE	71	76.1	98.85	93.85	93.85